

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the action mailed August 11, 2004, the Examiner has asserted that the Response dated April 22, 2004 is not fully responsive because the claims "have been amended to read upon a nonelected invention (claim 1 was amended to read upon a method employing a pyrimidine nucleotide precursor)". This assertion is respectfully traversed.

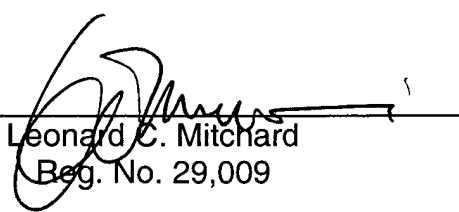
The method employing a pyrimidine nucleotide precursor is consonant with the elected invention. Thus, elected original claims 11-13 and 18-20 all recite a pyrimidine nucleotide precursor. The addition of the word "precursor" in claim 1 is merely the correction of a clerical error, and is necessary to provide antecedent basis for the recitation of "said pyrimidine nucleotide precursor" in claims 11-13 and 18-20.

In light of the above, it is clear that the Response dated April 22 2004 is fully responsive. Further action is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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